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Comments: I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness to eventually serve as nurse logs, which are an important part of forest ecosystems. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.